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9-20 a.m. SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" அந்தப் பயிரைப் பற்றக்கூடிய நோய் கள் தொத்து வியாதியைப்போன்று இருப்பதாலும், பக்கத்திலுள்ள பயிர்களுக்கும் பரவக்கூடிய தன்மையில் இருப்பதாலும், ஒரு நிலக்காரன் அந்த நோயைத் தடுப்பதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகளை உடனே எடுக்காமற் போனால், பக்கத்து நிலங்களிலுள்ள பயிர்களுக்கும் அந்த நோய் பரவக்கூடும் என்ற காரணத்தினால் அப்படிப் பரவாமல் இருப்பதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகளை சர்க்கார் என்ன எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know, Sir, whether this is a contagious disease. We shall consult experts and see what could be done."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" Sir, the allotment of insecticides is made to the districts by an officer at Coimbatore. Is the Hon. Minister aware that by reason of such an arrangement there is considerable delay in the districts getting insecticides and pesticides in time and hence there is devastation of crops? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question on that subject but if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is not practicable. It will be too costly to have an officer like that in every district. Still, I can assure the hon. Member that there will be no undue delay in the matter of supply of the necessary insecticides, etc., to districts."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI :—" பயிர்களுக்கு ஏற்படும் நோய்களைத் தடுப் பதற்கான மருந்துகளை இலவசமாக ஏழை விவசாயிகளுக்கு கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது முயற்சி எடுக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already answered that at 50 per cent concession, it comes to Rs. 5 per acre. Even the poorest landholder should not grudge paying Rs. 5 per acre for insecticides."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already allowed twenty minutes for this question. Next question, 230-B."

Delay in the payment of arrears of salary to the aided elementary school teachers of Malabar.

* 230-B Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reason why the salary of the aided elementary school teachers of Malabar has not been paid as contemplated in Memo. No. 12091-C/53-8, Education, dated 21st July 1953 and what steps the Government propose to take for the payment of the arrears since October 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 2295, Education, dated 28th September 1953, the Government directed that, in Malabar district, the scheme of direct payment of salaries to aided elementary school teachers be

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brought into force with effect from October 1953. The Director of Public Instruction has brought to the notice of the Government that, in view of the enormous additional clerical work involved in the offices of the three District Educational Officers in Malabar and also of certain procedural difficulties raised by the treasuries, it has not been practicable to implement the scheme so far. Necessary additional staff to cope with the increased work is being sanctioned for the offices of the District Educational Officers and steps to meet the difficulties raised by the treasuries are also being taken. The new scheme will be put into effect from February 1954 in respect of the grants payable for the month of January 1954. The payment of grants for the months of October to December 1953 will be made through the managements as hitherto. Instructions in this regard are being issued to the Director of Public Instruction."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it a fact that some of the Departmental Officers are trying to wreck the whole system, on the pretext that it involves extra labour? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I can assure the hon. Member that we will not allow any officer to wreck any policy enunciated by Government."

Coupe cutting in the forests of Gingee taluk.

* 231 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the purpose of coupe cutting in the forests; and

(*b*) the benefit obtained so far in the coupe-cutting areas in the forest of Gingee taluk, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The purposes of coupe cutting in the forests are as follows :—

(1) to exploit the forests for fuel to a limited extent, having due regard to sylvicultural principles;

(2) to supply the agricultural and domestic needs of surrounding population (such as fuel, small timber for making agricultural implements like plough, yoke, etc.) without unduly straining the resources of the forest and in conformity with principles of forest conservancy;

(3) to quickly improve the quality of the forest by regenerating them by coppice method. This is a very inexpensive method and involves the removal of old trees and the planting of valuable, useful and quick-growing species.

" (*b*) Although this concession was allowed in the best interests of the ryots in South Arcot district, from 1949–50 onwards it was found that its benefits were not fully availed of by the ryots."